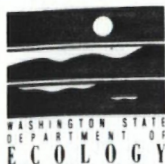


# Colbert Landfill Project



## CLEANUP PROCESS BEGINS AT COLBERT LANDFILL

Work has begun on the Colbert Landfill Project which will occur in two phases. The first phase will start the cleanup and provide the information necessary to design the final cleanup system. The second phase will include the design and construction of the final cleanup system. On-site activity has begun and construction of the project field office at the landfill is scheduled to be completed soon. A number of additional activities are scheduled to begin in September.

### ***A survey of area wells is one of the first activities of phase one***

Measurements will be taken from existing domestic wells including well depth, water levels, and surface elevations. This information will help locate some of the phase one monitoring wells. Owners of the wells that are participating in the survey have already been contacted.

### ***Property access being obtained***

Whenever possible, wells and pipelines will be put on county or state property; however, some of these structures will need to be placed on private land. David Perry, representing Spokane County, will be contacting property owners to obtain easements. The cooperation of property owners will allow the Colbert Landfill Project to remain on schedule.

### ***Drilling to begin on Monitoring Wells***

The monitoring wells are small volume water wells that will be drilled in selected areas where data is needed to track ground water flow and the contaminants in the aquifer. Each well will be drilled to gather specific data. These new monitoring wells will help determine the best

locations for the pilot extraction wells and treatment systems. As the monitoring wells are being drilled technicians will determine the depth and thickness of the aquifers and other important geological information. Ground water samples will also be collected from these wells during the project.

### ***First Monitoring Well sites selected***

Property access to the first five monitoring well locations has been obtained. These locations include:

- a site at the intersection of Yale and Big Meadows Roads, near the landfill (on county property)
- 3 sites on the west side of Highway 2 between the weigh station and Elk Chattaroy Road (on state property)
- a site on Little Spokane Drive near the Burlington Northern train crossing (on private property).

Drilling will start at the beginning of September at the site near the landfill, and by the middle of September, at the other two locations.

### ***Community Relations Plan being developed***

The Department of Ecology and EPA are in the final stages of developing a Community Relations Plan for the Colbert Landfill Project. The plan discusses specific tasks to be accomplished during the cleanup process. The objective is to keep area residents informed as the cleanup progresses. The plan will be implemented by Spokane County with oversight by Ecology and EPA. The Community relations plan will be available at the Information repositories (a complete list is attached) or a copy can be obtained by contacting the Department of Ecology.

### **Repositories**

North Spokane Library  
East 44 Hawthorn Road  
Spokane, WA 99218

Colbert Elementary School  
East 4526 Green Bluff Road  
Colbert, WA 99005

Washington State Department of Ecology Eastern Regional Office  
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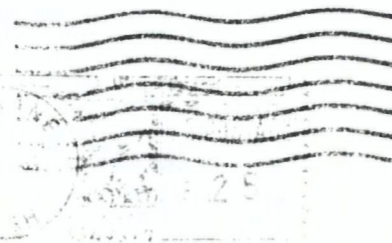


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# PRESS DAY

**September 8, 1989**  
**10:00AM at the Colbert Landfill site**

The EPA invites the press and the public to the Colbert Landfill site to announce the commencement of the cleanup process. Officials from EPA, the Department of Ecology, and Spokane County will be on hand to answer your questions.



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